

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

Agency PSP

Puget Sound Partnership

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2005-07 Expenditure Authority				
Total Maintenance Level				
Difference				
Percent Change from Current Biennium				
Performance Changes				
Low Impact Development Technical Assistance		500		500
Citizen Partnership	2.0		5,000	5,000
Tunicate Invasive Species Eradication			500	500
Transfer Puget Sound Action Team #	23.0		5,578	5,578
Subtotal	25.0	500	11,078	11,578
Total Proposed Budget	25.0	500	11,078	11,578
Difference	25.0	500	11,078	11,578
Percent Change from Current Biennium	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Puget Sound Partnership	25.0	500	11,078	11,578
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PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Low Impact Development Technical Assistance

Low impact development (LID) techniques represents a new set of tools and practices that can significantly reduce stormwater pollution. Direct technical assistance will be provided for up to 24 cities and counties in Puget Sound to help revise their regulations and development standards to allow for and encourage low impact development. This will result in more projects being constructed that use LID practices, improved management of stormwater, and ultimately, increased protection for Puget Sound.

Citizen Partnership

Surveys have shown that most citizens do not have a good understanding of the environmental problems facing Puget Sound. This citizen engagement effort will use multiple educational approaches to significantly build citizen awareness about Puget Sound's environmental problems and inspire and engage citizens to take action to solve those problems. A new Puget Sound network of communication, education, and outreach organizations that directly engage citizens in projects and activities will be developed. The overall effort will result in a much higher percentage of Puget Sound residents who know about the Sound's health problems, and who are taking direct personal actions to minimize or eliminate their contribution to the Sound's environmental problems. (General Fund-Private/Local, Water Quality Account-State)

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Tunicate Invasive Species Eradication

Tunicates are an invasive aquatic species of different varieties that attach themselves to the bottom of recreational boats and marina docks and spread on the surface of aquatic lands affecting geoduck and other aquatic resources. The scope and extent of tunicate infestation is not entirely known. However, recent video surveys of the fish kill in Hood Canal revealed extensive coverage of the sea floor with these tunicates in areas that only a year earlier had no infestation. The Partnership and the Department of Fish and Wildlife will conduct tunicate surveys and divers will implement methods of control and eradication. In addition, removal of tunicates will continue from marinas, recreational boat owners. A "Keep Your Boat Hull Clean" educational campaign will also be developed for recreational boaters. (Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account - State)

Transfer Puget Sound Action Team #

Washington citizens expect that state, local, and federal governments will be accountable for the actions they take and dollars they spend on Puget Sound recovery. To help ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent most effectively, the Governor proposes legislation to replace the Puget Sound Action Team with a new state agency, led by a citizen commission. This new agency will develop a collaborative 2020 action plan for Puget Sound recovery with clear goals, specific performance measures, and the authority to insure effective and efficient implementation. (Water Quality Account - State)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Puget Sound Partnership

The Puget Sound Water Quality Action Team coordinates the activities of state and local agencies to protect and restore the biological health and diversity of Puget Sound for the enjoyment of, and use by, Washington citizens. The team establishes biennial work plans and budgets that delineate state and local actions; coordinates monitoring and research programs; identifies and resolves policy or rule conflicts; provides technical assistance to local governments; promotes extensive public participation; disseminates information about Puget Sound; and assesses and reports on the successes and opportunities for improvement of each biennial work plan. (Water Quality Account)